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In re the Application of

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the July 14, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species VI, Figures 11, with traverse. At least claims 12-16 and 19-22 read on the elected species.

Furthermore, although the Election of Species Requirement indicates only Figure 11 is included in Species VI, Applicant submits that at least Figures 4 and 12 are also included in the elected species. Figure 11 is a diagram of a structure of a projector according to a sixth embodiment of the present application. Figure 12 is a diagram for explaining a structure of a polarization converting element of Figure 11. See page 23 and 46 of the specification. The characteristics of the dichroic mirror according to the sixth embodiment are the same as those explained with reference to Fig. 4. See page 48 of the specification. Accordingly, at least Figures 4 and 12 are also included in the elected species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a

search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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